

Remarks

Claims 1-10, 12, 15, 31, and 32 were previously pending in the application. After entry of the response Claims 1-10, 12, 15, 31, and 32 will be pending. Reconsideration is respectfully requested based on the following remarks.

Claim Rejections 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1-3, 5, 7, 9, 31, and 32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kurauchi et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,323,921), herein referred to as “Kurauchi”, in view of Sawasaki et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,836,308), herein referred to as “Sawasaki”, and further in view of Nakajima et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,317,187), herein referred to “Nakajima”, and in further view of Lin et al. (U.S. Publication No. 2003/0156237), herein referred to as “Lin”.

Claims 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kurauchi”, in view of Sawasaki, Nakajima, and Lin as applied to Claims 3, 5, 7, and 9, and further in view of Yamada (U.S. Patent No. 6,140,988).

Of the above-referenced claims, Claim 1 is independent. Accordingly, once allowability of this claim is established, all claims depending therefrom are likewise allowable.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite, “a light visual angle pattern disposed on the common electrode”.

The second panel 200 includes a second transparent substrate 210, a light blocking pattern 230 formed on the second transparent substrate 210, a common electrode 220 disposed on the second transparent substrate 210 and having a protruding portion contacting with the spacer 134b and 136b by the light blocking pattern 230, and a light visual angle

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a).

Conclusion

In view of the remarks set forth above, it is submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. Authorization is given to charge any fees due or credit any overpayments in regard to this communication to deposit account 50-5029. If the Examiner has any questions or concerns, a telephone call to the undersigned at (408) 331-1682 is welcomed and encouraged.

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